

A Christian Christmas

As the Christian life is different in so many ways from the lives of the people of *this* world, so also are the believers' reasons for CHRISTMAS. A Christian knows Who this newborn was and the reason for His birth. Christians understand why God would need to be 'manifest in the flesh', (*I Timothy 3:16*), to be born into this world as a person. They believe what the Bible clearly teaches and will not get caught up with Santa, reindeer, and other 'fables' (*II Timothy 4:3,4*). These 'myths' and 'fables' steal the attention away from God's promise, prophecy and purpose. These 'myths' are fondly celebrated and even sung about by the 'world'!

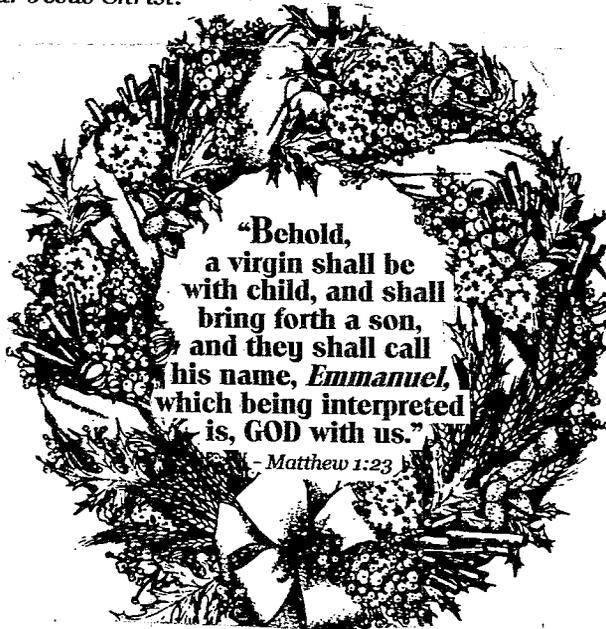
But Christians glorify the Lord! They sing about Him! They witness about Jesus Christ! Like the wise men and shepherds they rejoice in the fulfilled prophecy that took place at Bethlehem, and they are looking for His Second Coming! "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

(*Titus 2:13*).

GOD'S Mighty Works

"Give Him the glory of His greatness. His mighty acts, proofs of His almighty power, wherein He has done great things ... They are so many that they cannot be numbered, so mysterious, that they cannot be described; when we have said the most we can of the mighty acts of the Lord, the one half is not told. still there is more to be said; it is a subject that cannot be exhausted!"

- Matthew Henry, *Psalms 106:2*



"Behold,
a virgin shall be
with child, and shall
bring forth a son,
and they shall call
his name, *Emmanuel*,
which being interpreted
is, GOD with us."

- Matthew 1:23

The BIBLE is God's Book

"The Bible is *not* a first grade primer. It is God's book. It is a book that must be diligently read. It is only by 'searching the Scriptures' that we find what pertains to life and death.

It tells of creation, of the mighty universe, of the future or the past, of the Mighty God and His wonders, of the Holy Spirit's ministry among Christians, of the Son of God's great sacrifice for sin, of home in Heaven for the believer, and of a fiery hell for the unsaved.

How dare we assume that His Word can be capsulated in a comic book [or a version that reads 'like the morning newspaper']."

- Dr. Donald Waite

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Church Services

Note - CHRISTMAS falls on a Sunday this year, but we will still have our usual Services - Morning Sunday School and Morning Service as well as the Sunday Evening Service - all at the usual times.



Quotes

"Beware of those who will help you to do wrong."

"He who is not going forward is going backward."

"Strength without gentleness is tyranny."

"Every flower must grow through dirt."

"It is easy to find fault but difficult to then find what to do with it."

"Pride is the spirit of the devil."

"There are two times to be thankful; when you feel like it and when you don't."

"Do unto 'others' as though you were the 'others'."

"Remember 'sin'? It's what we were before we became 'dysfunctional'!"

What Evangelicals Do NOT Believe

"The King James Bible ... was produced in an age of spiritual revival and blessing. Our time, however, is an hour of horrendous apostasy and incredible spiritual compromise and confusion. Even many of the *evangelical* 'scholars' today do not believe that the creation occurred in six days - or that Jonah was actually swallowed by a whale - or that Job was a real man - or that the flood of Noah's day was worldwide."

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Beware of Tolerance of Evil Leviticus 18

"The *righteous* must be vigilant in maintaining their allegiance to the LORD God because the wickedness of this world provides an overwhelmingly powerful threat. What is truly amazing is that although the moral impurity of this world is perverse and detestable by any simple assessment, *the more it is tolerated the more acceptable and appealing it becomes.*

When Israel entered the land of Canaan, they found a people whose ways and beliefs were deplorable; but it was not too long before those ways became their ways, and those beliefs became the state religion. God judged them for this *toleration* and *assimilation* ... Israel could not adopt pagan practices of incest, (*fornication*), adultery, child sacrifice, homosexuality (*sodomy*), ... but had to follow the statutes of their Sovereign LORD, because, just as He was going to judge the Canaanites for these sins, so also would He judge the Israelites who engaged in them.

Israel would be defiled and undergo the same judgments as the Canaanites if they participated in Canaanite practices. ... Leviticus is a call to avoid the abominations of pagans."

- Allen P. Ross,
"Holiness to the LORD"

"A man will love a dog or a bird sooner than be loveless.

Prisoners have been known to ... rats, and even spiders on the wall have been the objects of their affection.

We must have something to love.

Oh and what wealth of love Jesus brings into the heart when He enters it!"

-copied, Charles Spurgeon

Diet Censors

"A man may not always eat and drink what is good for him; but it is better for him, and less ignominious, to die of the gout freely, than to have a censor officially appointed over his diet ..."

- George Santayana

**"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6**

Revealed by Provocation

The word provoke means to stir up, to arouse. It may be used in a good sense but is so used only rarely. Mostly it refers to the act of making people angry by some real or supposed affront.

We have all noticed how quick many people are to excuse themselves for some outburst by pleading that they were provoked to it. Thus their own wrongdoing is laid to others. What is overlooked in this neat trick of self-exoneration is that provocation cannot stir up what is not there. It never adds anything to the human heart; it merely brings out what is already present. It does not change the character; it simply reveals it.

What a man does under provocation is what he is. The mud must be at the bottom of the pool or it cannot be stirred up. You cannot roil pure water. Provocation does not create the moral muck; it brings it to the surface.

A holy man cannot be provoked to unholy acts. A pure-hearted man may be stirred to action by any of several stimuli, but the action will always accord with the purity of his heart.

But granted that love may be provoked, it can never be provoked to any act incompatible with itself. If it is stirred to action the action will be in accord with its own nature. Love can never be anything but love.

It may bring some kind of cheap consolation to the man who has just lost his temper or let himself go in a display of bad disposition to consider that he was provoked to it by the act of another, but if he values his soul he will not thus excuse himself. Honesty will compel him to admit that he had a bad disposition to start with and the provocation merely brought it to the surface. The fault is his own, not that of the one who exposed it.

- A.W. Tozer,
"The Price of Neglect"



THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

'God bless you'

Saying

'God bless you' when a person sneezes? It's an old superstition that when someone sneezed, their soul momentarily left their body through the nostrils.

This enabled the devil to creep in and prevent the return of the soul, but by saying, 'God bless you', the devil was stopped cold from entering the body."

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Kroger Settlement

"Kroger to pay a \$180,000 settlement in a religious discrimination lawsuit for firing employees who refused to celebrate 'Gay Pride'." - copied

"Citizen"

"The word Citizen means 'Co-Ruler' or 'Co-Sovereign'." - copied

Covid 19 Ban

"A new study has suggested that a ban on indoor singing within church congregations and in choirs during the Covid 19 pandemic was based on misleading evidence."

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PASTOR CALLS ON CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR TO REPENT AND BE SAVED

The following is excerpted from an open letter from Pastor John MacArthur, Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, California, to Governor Gavin Newsom, "Almighty God says in His Word, 'Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people' (Pro 14:34). Scripture also teaches that it is the chief duty of any civic leader to reward those who do well and to punish evildoers (Romans 13:1-7).

You have not only failed in that responsibility; you routinely turn it on its head, rewarding evildoers and punishing the righteous. ... The diabolical effects of your worldview are evident in the statistics of California's epidemics of crime, homelessness, sexual perversions (like homosexuality and transgenderism), and other malignant expressions of human misery that stem directly from corrupt public policy. ...

Nevertheless, my goal in writing is not to contend with your politics, but rather to plead with you to hear and heed what the Word of God says to men in your position. 'Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him: all nations shall serve Him'*

(Psalm 72:11) ... In mid-September, you revealed to the entire nation how thoroughly rebellious against God you are when you sponsored billboards across America promoting the slaughter of children, whom

He creates in the womb* (Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 45:9-12). You further compounded the wickedness of that murderous campaign with a reprehensible act of gross blasphemy, quoting the very words of Jesus from Mark 12:31 as if you could somehow twist His meaning and arrogate His name in favor of butchering unborn infants. You used the name and the words of Christ to promote the credo of Molech (Leviticus 20:1-5) ... My concern, Governor Newsom, is that your own soul lies in grave, eternal peril. 'So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God'* (Romans 14:12). One day, not very long from now, you will face that reality. Nothing is more certain.

'And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment'* (Hebrews 9:27) ... When you look

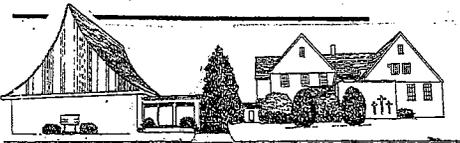
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"WHAT IS CHRIST DOING TODAY?"

1. He is interceding for Christians
Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:12,
2. He is overseeing the work of world evangelism; *Mark 16:19-20*
3. He is preparing a place for His people.
John 14:1-3
4. He is enjoying fellowship with the Father; *Proverbs 8:10; John 1:1; 17:24*
5. He is awaiting His Second Coming
Hebrews 10:12-13."

"Julian the apostate, as he is called, once asked a certain Christian, 'What do you think the carpenter's son is doing now?' 'Making coffins for you and all his enemies', was the prompt reply." (copied)

ahead of you and see that nothing awaits you but eternal misery—the just punishment for your sins—what will all the clever rationalizations and political talking points avail for you then? And by then it will be too late for any remedy or redemption ... Please respond to the gospel, forsake the path of wickedness you have pursued all your life, turn to Christ, ask for forgiveness, and use your office to advance the cause of righteousness (as is your duty) instead of undermining it (as has been your pattern)

... Governor Newsom, 'behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation'* (*II Corinthians 6:2*)." 9/29/22 (entire letter can be found at the following link: <https://www.gracechurch.org/news/posts/3592>)

* verses changed to the King James Bible